GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:417
ANSWERED ON:07.07.2004
KILLING OF PAKISTANI FISHERMEN IN INDIAN WATERS
Khan Shri Sunil

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the incident of killings of Pakistani fishermen by Indian Naval vessels in North Gujarat waters;

(b) if so, the facts regarding the said matters; and (

(c) the remedial measures proposed in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (c) According to available information, a suspicious boat was encountered in Indian waters on 17th May, 2004. Inspite of repeated warnings and firings of flares, the boat failed to stop and it was finally apprehended after warning shots. One of the crew members died of the warning shots and two others were injured. They were given first aid assistance but subsequently succumbed to injuries. The Indian authorities facilitated immediate repatriation of the dead bodies of the three Pakistani fishermen.